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SENATE BILL 210

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S HEALTH; PROVIDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 28, Article 3 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CREATED.--

A. The "office of the governor's council on women's  
health" is created and is administratively attached to the  
commission on the status of women.

B. The office of the governor's council on women's  
health shall:

- (1) serve as a clearinghouse for education and

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1 information on women's health;

2 (2) recommend performance measures and  
3 outcomes specific to women's health;

4 (3) report annually by September 1 to the  
5 governor on women's health policy issues;

6 (4) assist in developing policy to improve  
7 women's health and well-being, including policies that explain  
8 and explore the links between women's health and economic  
9 security; and

10 (5) assist state agencies, including the  
11 department of health, to improve access to health care for  
12 women.

13 C. The governor shall appoint the director of the  
14 office of the governor's council on women's health, who shall  
15 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

16 D. The governor shall appoint advisors to the  
17 office of the governor's council on women's health as follows:

18 (1) one representative from each of the  
19 following:

20 (a) the commission on the status of  
21 women;

22 (b) the department of health;

23 (c) the New Mexico health policy  
24 commission;

25 (d) the children, youth and families

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1 department;

2 (e) the human services department;

3 (f) the Indian affairs department;

4 (g) the veterans' services department;

5 and

6 (h) the office on African American

7 affairs;

8 (2) one representative of providers of women's  
9 health services;

10 (3) two representatives from rural counties;

11 and

12 (4) four representatives of advocacy,  
13 community or consumer groups.

14 E. Advisors to the office of the governor's council  
15 on women's health shall serve at the pleasure of the governor,  
16 shall meet at least four times per year and shall serve for  
17 two-year terms.

18 F. For purposes of conducting business, a majority  
19 of the advisors to the office of the governor's council on  
20 women's health shall constitute a quorum.

21 G. The advisors to the office of the governor's  
22 council on women's health may organize statewide meetings and  
23 focus groups to involve members of the public further in  
24 improving women's health and to identify emerging issues around  
25 women's health care delivery and services."

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